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Information Circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue, 2 October 2009: "International Day of Non-Violence" stamp and Souvenir Card**

Definitive stamps

1. On Friday, 2 October 2009, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a New York definitive stamp in the denomination of $1.00. The stamp image depicts an artistic rendition of Mahatma Gandhi and was designed by Dr. Ferdie Pacheco (United States of America).

2. The International Day of Non-Violence is marked on 2 October each year, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

3. According to General Assembly resolution 61/271 of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence".

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Souvenir card

4. A special souvenir card on the theme "International Day of Non-Violence" will also be issued on 2 October 2009. The card depicts a block of four of the new stamps and carries a statement by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The special souvenir card will only be available in "cancelled" format and is selling at $5.95 each.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York first day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 2 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and newsstand in front of the windows from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.